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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Higher dressed beef prices prompted upturns on slaughter steers and heifers at some markets, but increased supplies at other points had a bearish influence and prices closed lower. Steer prices at eastern Corn Belt markets closed weak to 50¢ lower, extremes 75¢ off following higher trends the previous week. At other centers prices were steady to 25¢ higher, instances 50¢ up against a generally lower trend the previous week. Heifers closed steady to 50¢ lower; cows strong to 50¢ higher. Stockers and feeders were mostly steady to 50¢ higher. A slight increase in marketings of hogs coupled with downturns on lower dressed pork had a bearish influence on live prices. Barrows and gilts closed 25-75¢ lower; sows steady to 50¢ lower. Prices for spring slaughter lambs, slaughter ewes and spring feeders were steady to 50¢ lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts at the 12 major terminal markets were increased by 6 percent and were the largest since mid-July. Increased supplies had a bearish influence on the slaughter steer trade but at several major points this was more than offset by a steady to $1.00 higher trend on steer carcasses. Omaha, St. Paul, and St. Joseph closed steady to 50¢ higher on slaughter steers with the advance limited largely to high-Good to Prime. Other points were generally steady to 50¢ lower with Chicago showing a 50¢-$1.00 lower trend on weights over 1300#. Steers weighing below 1300# continued to find the broadest outlet at most terminals with the best action on weights 1150# and below. Slaughter heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower except steady to 25¢ higher at St. Paul and St. Joseph. Cows were strong to 50¢ higher with St. Joseph 50¢-$1.00 up. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers were steady to $1.00 higher at St. Louis and $1.00-2.00 up at St.Paul. Slaughter steers and heifers continued to make up the bulk of the receipts at most terminals. Good and Choice predominated in the supply but several points received a larger percentage of average to high-Choice than during recent weeks. Prime steers were in small supply although the 7 percent Prime in the steer run at Chicago was the largest since April.

In Chicago a few loads of mixed high-Choice and Prime 1150-1400# steers brought $27.25-28.00. At other points loadlots of high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime steers sold from $25.00-26.00 with mixed Choice and Prime to $27.25 in Chicago. Few loads high-Choice and Prime 1450-1570# brought $24.50-25.00. Bulk Choice steers brought $24.00-25.50 with most mixed high-Good and low-Choice from $23.00-24.50. Good steers sold at $21.00-23.50, Standard $18.00-21.00. A few mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold at $24.75-25.50, load $25.75 in Chicago. Most Choice heifers brought $23.00-25.00, Good and low-Choice $20.50-23.00. Utility and Commercial cows $13.50-16.00, Canners and Cutters $12.00-14.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Supplies of stockers and feeders at terminal markets continued seasonally moderate. Although there was some indication of an expanding demand, buyers generally continued to operate very cautiously in the face of such warning signs as the current record high cattle population and abundance of grain feeds. There was considerable irregularity in trends at the various markets and while prices often were maintained on a steady basis there were several exceptions. At Kansas City prices were mostly 50¢ higher;Sioux City firm. Meanwhile, at Omaha steers were steady, heifers weak to 50¢ lower and at Fort Worth trading was on a 50¢-$1.00 lower basis.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers bulked at $21.00-23.50; few Choice 750-850# $24.00-25.00. Several lots Good and Choice 970-1075# steers sold from $21.75-22.75, two loads 1181# of the same grades $21.25 and load Good 1284# $20.00. Medium and low-Good feeders brought $17.50-21.00. Good and Choice 550-700# stock steers sold chiefly from $21.50-25.00,load 750# included at $25.00. Choice 600# reached $25.75. Choice 472# short yearling heifers brought $25.00, majority Good and Choice yearling heifers $20.00-23.50. Good and Choice steer calves ranged $22.00-28.00, same grades heifer calves $20.00-25.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Salable receipts at the 12 markets were 6 percent more than the week previous, but 6 percent less than a year earlier. The majority of the barrows and gilts weighed 190-260# with an increased showing of 190-220#. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 225#, compared 226# the previous week and 218# one year earlier. Sows made up 8-25 percent of the run at most terminals and comprised 35 percent of the run at Sioux Falls. Barrows and gilts closed 25-75¢ lower, instances $1.00 off with the extreme downturns confined to weights under 210#. Sows were steady to 50¢ lower, largely 25¢ off. This was the third consecutive week of lower barrow and gilt prices while sows recorded their first price declines in 6 weeks.

At the close, U. S. 1, and mixed No. 1-2, 190-240# barrows and gilts brought $17.50-18.00, mostly $17.75. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and U. S. 2-3, 190-260# sold late at $17.00-17.75, largely $17.25-17.50, several loads of U. S. 2-3, and U. S. 3, 275-320# butchers sold from $16.25-16.75. U. S. 1-3, 270-400# sows sold at $14.00-16.00.

Feeder pigs were 25¢ to mostly 50¢ lower at

Sioux City and St. Paul. Medium to mostly Good 130-170# at Sioux City brought $16.00-16.50, a few mostly Choice $17.00. Good and Choice, largely Good, 130-170# at St. Paul ranged from $16.00-16.50, few decks Choice $16.75 early.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts totaled 285,000 head, around 4 percent less than the previous week and approximately 8 percent under the corresponding week last year. About 80 percent of the butchers weighed 200-240#. Sows comprised around 18 percent of total receipts. Closing prices were 50-75¢ lower on butchers while sows were mainly 40¢ off. On the close U. S. 1-3, 200-240# butchers sold at $16.75-17.25 with No. 1 and 2 selected lots up to $17.70. No. 1-3 sows 270-400# sold at $14.10-16.25, 400-550# $12.50-14.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets were slightly less than a week earlier and 6 percent under a year ago. Bulk of receipts were spring slaughter lambs which included a seasonally increased number of shorn offerings. The week's trend on spring slaughter lambs was steady to 50¢ lower and instances $1.00 off, however, prices were 25¢ higher at Omaha and some sales were 50¢ higher at Sioux Falls. Slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ lower with instances $1.00 off.

Late in the week, Choice and Prime 85-110# spring slaughter lambs sold from $18.00-20.00, Prime to $20.50 at a couple of markets and a few mostly Prime lambs reached $22.00 at Chicago early. Good and Choice spring lambs brought $17.00-19.50, large share $17.00-18.50 at the close. Good and Choice 90-117# shorn old crop slaughter lambs and yearlings, mostly yearlings with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts moved at $12.50-15.50, mainly Choice 90-110# yearlings $15.00-16.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes ranged from $2.00-4.50 and few to $5.25.

Good and Choice 60-89# spring feeder lambs sold from $15.00-17.00; mostly Choice 60-78# western feeders brought $17.00-17.50 and three decks Choice 72# North Dakota feeders reached $18.00 at Omaha. Medium and Good feeders moved at $12.00-16.00.

In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area, spring slaughter lambs sold weak to 50¢ lower, instances $1.00 off. Slaughter yearlings were scarce, steady; slaughter ewes weak, instances 50¢ lower. Receipts were the same as the previous week, but 10 percent under a year ago. On Friday, Choice with a few Prime 80-105# spring slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from $17.50-18.25; Prime lots $18.00-18.50, few to $18.75; Good and low-Choice $15.50-17.75. Good and Choice 100-115# shorn slaughter yearlings with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought $12.00-14.00, some mainly Choice $15.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes bulked at $2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was uneven with prices steady to 50¢ lower, but mostly steady; stockers and feeders were steady to weak and slaughter lambs strong to 25¢ higher, instances 50¢ up.

Slaughter steers: In California, 60 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 875-1050# $25.90-26.35, only 2 loads exceeded $26.00; 189 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 900-1225# in California and Arizona $25.00-25.75, including some at $25.00 for delivery by the end of September. Load lots Good and Choice 900-1100# $24.25-24.85 and Good to mostly Choice 1175-1300# $24.00-24.50. Load lots Standard and Good 850-1200# $21.00-23.50, some predominantly Standard 950-1200# $20.00-20.75.

Heifers: Total 62 loads Good and Choice 800-1075# $23.00-25.00, the bulk at $24.00-24.75.

Stockers and feeders: In California, load Good and Choice mixed calves, steers $26.00, heifers $24.00, Good and Choice 375-600# stock calves and light yearlings $23.50-25.25 on steers and $21.50-23.00 on heifers. Total 375 head Good and Choice 600-825# feeder steers $22.00-22.50. Nevada: A 650 head string 600-625# yearling heifers $20.00.

Sheep and lambs: In California and Nevada, load lots Choice and Prime 95-108# spring slaughter lambs $18.00-18.50, bulk of these shorn with No. 1 pelts; 10,000 mixed slaughter and feeder lambs in Nevada and Utah $17.00 straight, these expected around 50 percent Choice and Prime slaughter offerings; 2500 Good and Choice 70# Utah feeder lambs $14.00-15.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at feedlots in Colorado was moderately active. Slaughter steers closed steady with heifers steady to 25¢ lower, but mostly steady to weak. In northern Colorado, 24 loads average to high-Choice 1000-1200# slaughter steers brought $25.60-25.90, mostly $25.60-25.75; 144 loads Choice 1000-1300# $24.75-25.50 with steers weighing 1150# and down mostly $25.00-25.50; 12 loads Choice 1425-1450# $24.50; 7 loads high-Good and Choice 1000-1250# $23.15-24.25. Ten loads average to high-Choice 800-900# slaughter heifers sold from $25.50-25.75; 73 loads Choice 800-1050# $24.75-25.35; 21 loads high-Good and Choice 950-975# $24.50-24.75. On the western slope, 5 loads mostly Choice 1025-1125# steers $24.00-24.50 with 10 percent out at $22.00-23.00, 2 loads Choice 875# heifers $23.00 f.o.b. feedlot to California buyer.

In western Nebraska, 4 loads high-Good and Choice 1125-1190# steers $24.00-25.50 to California buyer.

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves:Demand for feeder cattle was good with sales and contracts confirmed on 6700 head at fully steady prices. Sandhills of Nebraska: Two small strings Good and Choice 925-975# two-year-old steers $22.00; 1800 head Good and Choice feeder steer yearlings $23.50-24.00, part of these for September delivery; 500 Choice 650-725# feeder heifers $23.00-23.25. Numerous small consignments totaling 1500 head Good and Choice 625-700# heifer yearlings $22.75-23.00, some for September delivery; 275 Good and Choice 775-840# two-year-old heifers $20.00-21.00. Wyoming: 225 Good and Choice 800-850# two-year-old steers $22.25. Around 1700 head Good and Choice 575-650# feeder heifers $22.00-22.75; 2 loads 825# heifers $20.00; 150 Good and Choice 575-600# feeder steers for September delivery $23.50. Western Kansas: Ten loads Good and Choice 675-725# feeder heifers $22.50-22.75.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - A large part of the area received ample rains during the week under review, but much of southern and southwestern New Mexico failed to receive any moisture and this region was quite dry. Direct trade on all classes of cattle and calves was very slow with confirmed sales totaling a meager 23 loads of slaughter steers and heifers at about steady prices. Sales were confirmed on around 2,700 head stockers and feeders at unchanged prices. Seven loads low-Choice 900-1050# slaughter steers brought $24.00; 12 loads Good 850-1100# $22.75-23.50; 4 loads high-Good to average-Choice 777-805# fed heifers $23.50-24.00. For late September and October delivery, 1,400 Good and Choice 600-800# stocker and feeder steers brought $22.50-23.50; 1,000 Good and Choice 600-725# heifers $21.00-22.00. About 250 Good and low-Choice 420# stock calves sold for current delivery at $25.00 on the steers, $22.00 heifers.

Amarillo Area - General rains measuring 1-3 inches were received over the area. Slaughter steers and heifers closed about steady. Stockers and feeders were steady to 50¢ lower with confirmed sales on about 11,700 head. Thirty-seven loads Good and Choice 1050-1250# slaughter steers brought $23.00-24.50; 2 loads Standard and Good 1050# $20.00; 5 loads mostly Choice 940-1000# fed heifers $24.00-24.50; 5 loads Standard and Good 800-900# $21.75-23.25. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers brought $19.25-23.00; Medium and Good 600-675# $19.00-20.00. Good and Choice heifers cashed at $20.75-22.50. Good and Choice stock calves sold from $24.00-26.50 on steers and $22.00-24.00 on heifers. For fall delivery Good and Choice 650-750# steers $20.00-23.00 and 600-675# heifers $21.25-22.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers were mostly steady, except instances weak to 25¢ lower on steers; stocker and feeder cattle and calves fully steady; slaughter lambs 25-50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Mostly Choice 950-1100# $25.50-26.50, mostly $26.00-26.25, latter part of week with 1150-1215# weights $25.00-25.50; mixed Good and Choice 1000-1100# $25.00. Large string mostly Choice 1050-1150# $26.00 for delivery during October. Idaho - Mostly Choice 1010-1200# $24.50-25.50; mixed Good and Choice 1125-1175# $24.00-24.25.

Heifers: Washington and Idaho - Mostly Choice and mixed Good and Choice 850-1000#, mostly 850-950# $23.00-24.00, largely $23.50-24.00 in Washington.

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves: Washington - Choice 675# feeder steers $24.00; Good and Choice 750-900# $21.25-23.00. Good and Choice 550-600# mixed yearlings, steers $23.00, heifers $21.00. Good and Choice 630# feeder heifers $20.50. Oregon - Good and Choice 750-875# feeder steers $23.00-23.50, latter price delivered basis. Good and Choice 700# feeder heifers $20.50. N. W. Montana - Large string stock calves, steers $26.00, heifers $24.00.

Sheep and lambs: Idaho - Good to mostly Choice spring slaughter lambs $17.25; Good and Choice mixed slaughter and feeder lambs, 50-65 percent for slaughter $16.75-17.00. Oregon - Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs $17.25 and mostly Choice $15.50-16.50, all delivered basis. Good and Choice feeder lambs $14.00-15.25, few $16.00.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Direct trading on stocker and feeder cattle and calves was slow. Confirmed sales totaled 5,050 head of stocker and feeder steers and heifers at prices steady to weak.Confirmed sales on 12,265 calves steady to 50¢ lower. In Montana sales totaling 850 Good and mixed Good and Choice 875-1000# 2-year-old steers for immediate to early September delivery $20.50-21.50, some trimmed 10 percent at $2.00 off. Northern Wyoming and Montana, sales totaling 3,357 Good and mixed Good and Choice yearling steers 550-750# for immediate to mid-September delivery $22.00-24.00, largely $22.00-22.50 for over 650#. In northern Wyoming, 500-600 Good and Choice 900-950# 2-year-old steers $21.50. Sales totaling 843 yearling heifers Good and Good and Choice 520-750# immediate to September 15th $20.00-21.50, instances $22.00 on Choice for immediate delivery. In Montana, Good and Choice including some Fancy 360-450# stock calves in lots from 50 to string of 750 head brought $24.50-26.75, largely $25.00-26.50 on steer calves and $22.00-24.00, largely $23.00, on heifer calves. Sheep and Wool: Not enough sales reported to establish prices.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959
Chicago	43,937	40,850	154	362	28,702	35,765	4,661	6,246
Cincinnati	3,635	3,076	567	750	10,991	12,342	1,705	2,057
Denver	9,948	9,202	118	267	4,295	3,817	14,951	17,937
Fort Worth	12,527	6,061	2,391	1,964	2,335	2,542	7,476	4,657
Indianapolis	7,456	7,049	1,146	796	37,788	39,374	4,961	4,626
Kansas City	20,059	16,800	1,232	1,013	16,908	15,223	4,006	4,290
Oklahoma City	11,191	10,508	1,403	1,304	3,874	3,595	868	1,004
Omaha	39,689	34,837	368	483	37,655	38,947	11,088	12,807
St. Joseph	15,843	14,768	468	544	24,694	22,089	6,308	4,637
St. Louis NSY	16,840	15,314	2,639	2,779	52,442	60,106	5,072	5,604
Sioux City	26,884	26,190	299	676	29,610	28,653	7,386	7,708
S. St. Paul	19,749	19,638	3,450	3,671	40,720	46,896	6,494	8,369
Total	227,758	204,293	14,235	14,609	290,014	309,349	74,976	79,942
" Aug. 6, 1960	213,963		13,737		272,759		76,565	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Aug. 13, 1960	Aug. 6, 1960	Aug. 15, 1959
Hogs	285,000	298,000	311,000
Sheep	26,000	25,100	28,000

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month	
	Aug. 11 1960	Aug. 4 1960	Aug. 13 1959	July 1960	July 1959
Steers - 1001# up	334	250	596	949	1,834
901-1000	1,530	1,443	2,780	3,214	7,043
801-900	2,575	2,142	2,995	7,788	12,950
701-800	4,397	3,904	4,006	13,384	12,243
501-700	9,127	9,041	9,062	31,770	34,047
Total steers 10 markets	17,963	16,780	19,439	57,105	68,117
Av. wts. " " "	703#	695#	728#	690#	717#
Av. cost* " " "	$20.88	$21.28	$26.39	$21.66	$26.75
" " " Chicago	22.90	23.54	26.50	23.47	27.44
" " " Kansas City	21.28	21.54	26.29	21.81	26.47
" " " Omaha	21.65	22.42	26.92	22.25	27.47
" " " S. St. Paul	18.96	19.38	23.70	21.32	25.28
" " " Sioux City	22.61	22.80	27.53	23.24	27.95
" " " Denver	22.23	22.79	26.36	23.21	26.03
" " " Ft. Worth	19.43	19.99	24.43	20.75	25.95
" " " Oklahoma City	19.51	20.34	25.89	20.51	26.32
" " " S. St. Joseph	20.38	21.44	26.16	21.40	26.39
" " " St. Louis NSY	20.78	21.08	26.62	22.19	25.74
Total calves - 10 markets	14,493	12,815	12,046	56,396	43,383
" heifers " "	3,611	2,960	4,002	9,444	12,945
" cows " "	616	499	659	2,141	2,545

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Aug. 12, 1960	2	45	9	13	8	15	3	3	12	70	72	50	65
Aug. 5, 1960	2	41	10	9	8	12	3	3	13	75	75	44	60
Aug. 14, 1959	2	37	11	19	7	28	10	2	10	60	80	49	30
Slaughter cows													
Aug. 12, 1960	5	10	8	7	14	6	20	8	18	20	17	22	15
Aug. 5, 1960	5	13	10	8	15	6	20	10	30	20	14	16	15
Aug. 14, 1959	6	9	9	6	9	6	20	15	12	25	10	17	18

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Aug. 11 1960	Aug. 13 1959	Aug. 11 1960	Aug. 13 1959	Aug. 11 1960	Aug. 13 1959	Aug. 11 1960	Aug. 13 1959
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	2,367	2,693	7.3	8.9	1,261	1,262	26.74	28.72
Choice.....	20,228	18,099	62.5	60.0	1,184	1,194	25.28	27.65
Good.....	8,933	8,577	27.6	28.4	1,082	1,079	23.86	26.54
Standard.....	686	720	2.1	2.4	990	1,009	21.04	24.50
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	135	91	.5	.3	983	893	19.06	22.63
All grades.....	32,349	30,180			1,157	1,162	24.93	27.38
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	216	--	1.1	--	1,167	--	25.48	--
Choice.....	10,079	8,721	50.5	50.6	1,163	1,161	24.22	27.13
Good.....	8,128	7,494	40.7	43.5	1,061	1,057	22.72	25.81
Standard.....	1,262	934	6.3	5.4	1,016	997	19.82	23.52
Utility.....	272	80	1.4	.5	890	870	18.02	21.94
All grades.....	19,957	17,229			1,108	1,105	23.33	26.38
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	120	218	.9	2.2	1,302	1,209	25.46	28.36
Choice.....	8,075	5,710	59.5	58.1	1,172	1,155	24.58	27.19
Good.....	4,506	3,343	33.2	34.0	1,056	1,060	23.19	25.80
Standard.....	794	481	5.8	4.9	1,045	1,056	19.62	23.54
Utility.....	86	79	.6	.8	961	973	17.55	21.72
All grades.....	13,581	9,831			1,126	1,118	23.85	26.56
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	16	14	.2	.3	1,243	1,217	26.04	28.73
Choice.....	3,074	2,069	46.7	37.8	1,139	1,116	24.92	27.24
Good.....	2,774	2,988	42.1	54.6	1,067	1,067	23.48	25.84
Standard.....	642	334	9.8	6.1	1,022	1,016	20.50	23.94
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	80	63	1.2	1.2	920	991	17.60	21.49
All grades.....	6,586	5,468			1,095	1,082	23.86	26.24
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	958	837	17.0	15.3	1,051	1,096	25.00	27.60
Good.....	3,600	3,744	64.0	68.8	1,018	1,060	23.67	26.31
Standard.....	774	760	13.8	14.0	928	1,027	21.24	24.33
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	296	103	5.2	1.9	972	912	18.51	22.03
All grades.....	5,628	5,444			1,009	1,058	23.33	26.18
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,476	2,785	46.6	43.3	1,134	1,126	24.41	26.92
Good.....	3,594	3,015	48.1	46.9	1,076	1,071	22.83	25.67
Standard.....	398	601	5.3	9.3	1,041	1,084	19.80	23.64
Utility.....	--	33	--	.5	--	936	--	21.32
All grades.....	7,468	6,434			1,101	1,095	23.44	26.02
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,086	2,349	64.9	61.5	1,179	1,186	25.09	26.73
Good.....	1,040	1,292	32.3	33.8	1,119	1,138	23.93	25.84
Standard.....	89	178	2.8	4.7	991	1,068	18.58	21.81
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	3,215	3,819			1,154	1,164	24.57	26.23

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959
Boston, New York City Area...	12,335	13,823	11,297	10,733	44,405	47,759	38,236	40,536
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,873	7,659	1,876	635	19,930	26,381	4,045	4,206
Cin.,Cleve.,Detroit,Indpls...	20,786	19,435	5,659	5,767	120,396	123,399	15,965	14,386
Chicago Area.....	19,456	16,527	5,894	5,788	30,984	28,022	5,742	5,280
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	30,889	28,146	13,053	11,659	89,913	94,422	11,549	10,303
St. Louis Area.....	12,060	11,393	2,412	2,352	68,388	70,439	3,991	4,205
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	24,258	19,720	--	--	75,301	79,700	15,408	15,173
Omaha Area.....	42,342	33,930	91	218	71,725	73,854	15,960	11,485
Kansas City.....	16,910	12,642	--	--	30,441	35,918	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	36,850	31,412	6,315	5,241	243,251	251,112	32,672	30,202
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's....	7,370	6,499	3,983	4,183	51,746	50,693	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	7,988	5,638	7,030	2,851	22,525	19,718	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	20,159	17,086	1,113	1,295	36,795	39,855	9,641	6,423
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	11,721	8,325	5,144	5,427	10,815	11,176	27,300	14,748
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	18,622	17,565	228	219	13,707	14,255	25,365	31,392
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	27,811	25,104	1,196	1,116	22,367	24,395	36,159	29,885
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	8,476	7,367	397	332	12,938	15,831	10,210	7,996
Total.....	326,906	282,271	65,688	57,816	965,627	1,006,929	252,243	226,220
Accumulation to date.....	9,600,787	8,750,310	2,107,776	2,039,793	35,610,853	35,094,821	7,606,145	7,240,226

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Aug. 13, 1960	395	233.8	92	11.8	1,115	155.2	275	12.4	413.2	--
Aug. 6, 1960	375	220.9	90	12.1	1,040	143.4	275	12.4	388.8	--
July 23, 1960 1/	378	--	93	--	1,033	--	262	--	--	36.2
Aug. 15, 1959 1/	338	200.0	82	10.5	1,175	159.8	248	11.2	381.5	38.7
Percentage change from:										
Aug. 6, 1960	5	6	2	-2	7	8	0	0	6	--
Aug. 15, 1959	17	17	12	12	-5	-3	11	11	8	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Aug. 13, 1960	1030	592	225	128	242	139	94	45	--
Aug. 6, 1960	1025	589	235	134	242	138	94	45	--
July 23, 1960	1025	589	235	134	247	140	94	45	--
Aug. 15, 1959	1027	592	223	128	236	136	94	45	13.9

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	26.68	29.10	--	--	25.95	28.70	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	26.95	29.25	--	--	25.95	28.88	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	25.20	27.95	25.25	27.62	24.62	27.45	25.18	27.00	26.62	28.50
	1100-1300	25.08	27.78	25.25	27.38	24.58	27.45	24.80	26.72	--	27.88
Good	900-1100	23.25	26.18	23.12	25.50	22.38	25.32	21.88	24.58	24.88	27.38
Standard - All wts.		21.15	24.12	20.25	23.38	19.50	23.38	18.00	21.85	22.00	25.75
Heifers -											
Choice*	700-900#	23.80	--	24.50	26.75	24.15	26.58	24.92	27.02	24.38	--
Good**	600-800	--	25.02	22.25	24.75	21.50	24.32	21.88	24.50	23.38	26.50
Standard - All wts.		19.10	22.88	19.00	22.88	18.75	22.40	18.00	21.00	20.75	24.94
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		14.52	18.15	15.38	18.90	14.60	17.85	--	18.65	16.00	18.75
Utility		14.60	17.78	14.70	17.35	13.88	16.82	14.80	17.08	14.50	17.12
Cutter		14.38)	16.50	13.92)	15.20	13.18)	15.22	13.18)	15.20	12.75)	14.38
Canner		12.48)		12.90)		12.40)		11.80)		11.00)	
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		18.42	23.80	17.50	20.75	17.25	20.90	--	21.50	--	22.50
Utility		19.32	22.62	17.75	20.25	17.00	20.20	19.20	21.50	20.75	23.50
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	20.00	27.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	18.00	25.00	--	--	--	--	22.00	26.00
Standard		--	--	16.00	23.25	--	--	--	--	19.00	23.00
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		25.50	--	22.00	28.50	21.15	28.25	--	--	25.75	29.31
Good		23.50	32.00	20.00	26.00	19.35	26.25	--	--	24.00	27.00
Standard		19.50	28.00	17.50	24.25	16.55	24.00	--	--	21.00	24.00
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	25.80	31.50	25.50	30.25	25.00	31.25	25.75	29.50	23.25	26.75
Good	500-800	22.95	28.50	22.88	27.50	22.75	27.75	23.50	27.50	20.75	25.00
Medium	500-1000	19.60	25.25	19.38	24.00	19.38	25.00	19.75	23.75	19.25	22.25
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	22.50	28.50	23.75	28.75	23.00	27.50	22.25	25.00
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	19.50	24.75	19.50	25.00	20.00	24.50	18.75	22.00
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	14.12	--	14.75	18.00	--	18.25	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	26.10	33.00	25.75	36.00	--	--	24.00	28.00
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	22.85	30.50	24.00	33.00	--	--	22.00	26.75

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.
** " " 700-900# " "

Classification	Chicago		Iowa and So. Minnesota		National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.75	14.36	--	--	17.64	14.70	17.40	14.28	17.65	14.32	17.22	14.52	17.98	14.75	17.42	14.42
200-220	17.94	14.74	17.35	--	17.72	14.98	17.86	15.20	17.92	14.87	17.68	15.12	17.70	15.06	17.60	14.68
220-240	17.92	14.78	17.29	--	17.72	14.99	17.88	15.20	17.92	14.92	17.70	15.10	17.70	15.11	17.55	14.68
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.58	14.52	17.05	--	17.44	14.73	17.40	14.75	17.60	14.59	17.34	14.50	17.37	14.70	17.32	14.22
220-240	17.51	14.58	17.04	--	17.44	14.74	17.40	14.82	17.65	14.76	17.34	14.56	17.35	14.72	17.28	14.28
240-270	17.42	14.56	16.85	--	17.42	14.62	17.15	14.38	17.28	14.56	17.31	14.36	17.24	14.66	17.02	13.90
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.56	14.21	16.57	13.46	17.51	14.51	16.95	14.02	17.55	14.30	17.00	14.27	17.15	14.48	17.25	14.20
200-220	17.78	14.58	17.15	14.21	17.54	14.80	17.60	15.00	17.70	14.76	17.34	14.82	17.54	14.85	17.50	14.45
220-240	17.73	14.68	17.13	14.00	17.54	14.80	17.60	15.02	17.70	14.76	17.37	14.76	17.54	14.85	17.50	14.42
240-270	17.49	--	16.89	13.45	17.44	14.66	17.22	14.48	17.50	14.71	17.41	14.55	17.42	14.70	17.22	14.18
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	13.00	15.72	12.17	16.20	12.60	16.12	13.15	16.05	12.76	16.25	13.02	16.02	13.10	16.18	12.55
330-400	15.87	12.18	15.09	11.52	15.78	11.98	15.35	12.38	15.40	11.75	15.55	12.32	15.32	12.15	15.42	11.70
400-550	14.22	10.82	13.80	10.27	14.68	10.78	14.42	11.40	14.48	10.90	14.60	11.12	14.38	10.88	14.18	10.72

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.35	13.85	17.48	14.38	--	--	17.40	14.56	--	--	18.10	15.40	19.00	15.75	19.88	16.59
200-220	17.92	14.85	17.68	15.21	17.58	14.97	17.69	14.85	--	--	18.10	15.40	19.08	15.96	19.88	16.59
220-240	17.92	14.85	17.68	15.28	17.54	14.99	17.43	14.80	--	--	18.10	15.40	--	--	19.69	16.38
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.50	14.38	17.56	15.08	17.32	14.62	17.63	14.77	17.47	14.66	17.48	14.88	--	--	19.12	--
220-240	17.50	14.38	17.50	15.12	17.30	14.64	17.40	14.77	17.47	14.56	17.48	14.88	--	--	18.81	--
240-270	17.38	14.05	17.27	15.01	16.88	14.62	17.00	14.42	17.25	14.16	16.85	14.18	--	15.00	18.31	--
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	17.05	13.45	17.45	14.28	--	14.18	17.40	14.52	--	--	17.60	15.02	18.81	15.71	--	15.75
200-220	17.55	14.38	17.64	15.11	17.52	14.88	17.63	14.77	17.66	14.75	17.60	15.02	18.94	15.81	--	15.75
220-240	17.55	14.40	17.60	15.21	17.44	14.88	17.40	14.77	17.50	14.62	17.60	15.02	18.67	15.66	--	15.50
240-270	17.40	--	17.40	15.09	17.02	14.80	17.17	14.42	17.31	14.22	--	--	--	--	--	14.56
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	16.58	12.75	16.30	13.02	16.28	12.45	15.32	12.40	13.94	11.62	14.10	11.52	15.88	--	16.50	13.62
330-400	15.72	11.90	15.68	12.25	15.32	11.65	14.82	11.52	13.50	10.88	13.60	10.58	15.25	--	16.00	12.50
400-550	14.52	10.52	14.38	11.08	14.22	10.70	14.45	10.50	13.31	9.88	12.85	10.18	14.25	--	14.62	11.50
Feeder pigs - All wts. Good and Choice	16.38	11.50	16.78	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	8-mkts. combined
AVERAGE COST -					Dollars per 100 pounds					
Barrows and gilts	Aug. 13, 1960	17.62	17.43	17.35	17.42	17.36	17.34	17.43	17.64	17.46
	Aug. 6, 1960	18.17	18.01	17.90	18.00	18.04	17.95	18.05	18.07	18.03
	Aug. 15, 1959	14.47	14.51	14.64	14.59	14.80	14.53	14.10	14.70	14.53
Sows	Aug. 13, 1960	15.12	15.18	15.07	15.09	15.24	15.28	15.42	14.76	15.17
	Aug. 6, 1960	15.15	15.39	15.01	15.31	15.73	15.46	15.71	14.97	15.41
	Aug. 15, 1959	11.65	11.57	11.75	12.04	11.86	12.26	11.52	11.46	11.76
AVERAGE WEIGHT -					Pounds					
Barrows and gilts	Aug. 13, 1960	229	216	228	231	233	227	226	220	225
	Aug. 6, 1960	236	214	229	232	236	227	228	224	226
	Aug. 15, 1959	225	212	216	222	225	217	218	215	218
Sows	Aug. 13, 1960	394	378	388	382	374	374	369	422	383
	Aug. 6, 1960	395	380	398	382	377	367	366	418	382
	Aug. 15, 1959	387	365	370	374	379	343	363	372	372
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Aug. 13, 1960	18502	45024	14662	26056	20794	20103	26651	32371	204163
	Aug. 6, 1960	15810	45724	14364	27013	15990	18547	24356	30727	192531
	Aug. 15, 1959	23588	52815	13089	26068	18959	18018	27595	31999	212131
Sows	Aug. 13, 1960	5981	4525	1201	8548	6810	2617	8834	3712	42228
	Aug. 6, 1960	4681	4054	1248	7904	5607	2580	8853	3734	38661
	Aug. 15, 1959	7408	4759	1213	10668	7859	2947	10386	4257	49497
SOWS					Percentage of total					
	Aug. 13, 1960	24	9	8	25	25	12	25	10	17
	Aug. 6, 1960	23	8	8	23	26	12	27	11	17
	Aug. 15, 1959	24	8	8	29	29	14	27	12	19

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Aug. 13, 1960	$19.63	$17.78	$1.85
Aug. 6, 1960	20.20	18.58	1.62
Aug. 15, 1959	16.51	14.58	1.93

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Aug. 13, 1960	17.62	118.2	14.9
Aug. 6, 1960	18.17	118.7	15.3
Aug. 15, 1959	14.47	126.2	11.5

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market was slow, with some inquiry for territory fine and half-blood wools and fleece wools of the same grades. Prices were unchanged on the limited volume sold. Trading for woolen wools was slow at steady prices; medium grade noils tended easier. Activity in the fleece wool States was practically at a standstill. A fair volume of wool was moved in South Dakota and there was some demand for 12 months wools in Texas.

Cabled reports from New Zealand indicated the market was fairly active. Offerings from Australia showed carding wools strong. There were sales in Argentina of fine wools to England and the Continent while little was done in Uruguay.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple fleece wool sold around $1.09-1.10 clean basis while 50/54s staple fleeces brought $1.05-1.07.

Territory Wools - Original bag bulk half-blood, good French combing and staple wool sold at Belle Fourche around $1.06-1.07 clean basis delivered Boston. Approximately 130,000 pounds of short fine ewes wool sold in Central Wyoming at 35¢ grease basis, FOB while about 50,000 pounds of bulk fine brought 30¢ delivered Boston; carload of medium wools sold at a grease price of 51¢ delivered.

Texas Wools - Original bag good 12 months wools were moved at $1.12-1.14.

Mohair - A couple cars of fall mohair sold in Texas at 81½¢ for adult and $1.11½ for kid hair to the warehouse. Early shown mohair was short in length but generally clear of vegetable matter and comparable to last year's fall clip.

Foreign Wools - Trading in spot foreign wools was slow. Cabled reports from New Zealand quoted carpet crutchings at 71¢ and early shorn second shear wools at 74¢ clean fibers present, while Australian carding wools were quoted from 63-65¢ clean basis, U. S. yields, in bond, for shipment. Montevideo super skirted wools were offered for shipment as follows: 60/64s at 95½¢ and 60s at 92½¢.

Carpet Wools - Trading for spot carpet wools was slow as only occasional small odd lots of off-wools were moved. A greasy New Zealand carpet fleece wool brought 76¢ clean fibers present and a scoured Buenos Aires 36/40s moved around 79¢. A greasy New Zealand carpet slipe wool sold for shipment at 76¢ clean fibers present. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wools were offered at 80-81¢, March wools at 76¢, fleeces around 82¢ and 36/40s lambs at 77 3/4¢, all clean fibers present for shipment. New Zealand type 702/3 crutchings were offered for shipment around 70-71¢ clean fibers present.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	
64s 1-1½" Ch. white	$1.12

Scoured Pulled Foreign	
Aust. 58/60s 2-2½" Ch. wh.	$1.18
Aust. 58s 2-2½" Ch. wh.	1.15
N. Z. 56/58s 2½-3½" Ch.wh.	1.16
Aust. 56/58s 2-3" Ave. Wh.	1.11

Noils	
Clear 64s Bradford nobles	86¢
Good 64s Bradford nobles	85¢
Clear 64/70s Cape Schlumbergers	73¢
Good 64/70s Cape Schlumbergers	72¢
56s N.Z. Schlumbergers	61¢

Wool Tops - Turnover of wool tops was very light at about steady rates. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C			Warp Dom. D/C
70s	-	$1.79	$1.73
64s	-	1.73	1.67
62s	-	1.67	1.59
60s	-	1.62	1.50
58/60s	-	1.58	1.48

Oil-combed			Territory	Fleece
58/60s	-	$1.56	$1.46	—
56s	-	—	1.50 N	$1.45 N
50/56s	-	—	1.45 N	1.40 N
48/50s	-	—	—	1.35 N

(N-Nominal)

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Aug. 11, 1960
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

October Wool Tops - $1.435
December Wool Tops - 1.445
64s Grade - 2.55" minimum length
October Wool - $1.102 December Wool - $1.123
64s Grade - 2½" Ave. stretched length

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Clearance of fresh meats was fairly complete except small quantities of steer hindquarters and ribs were unsold at Philadelphia and small lots of veal were carried at Washington. Volume of railstocks was generally above the previous week with supplies mostly normal. Quantity of pork was moderate, except at New York where supplies were small on the late session. Most veal at New York was Standard and Good. Trading was generally active with demand good. The rather improved trade was largely the result of broad demand at chain levels as these outlets were particularly aggressive for steer beef and spring lamb cuts. Steer beef carcass prices closed steady to $1.00 higher at most points; cow beef largely $1.00-1.50 lower but unchanged at New York. Spring lamb sold steady to $2.00 higher, mostly $1.00-2.00 up; veal steady to $2.00 higher; calf steady at New York. Pork loins closed steady to $1.00 higher with advances of $1.00-3.00 recorded at Philadelphia. Boston butts were $1.00 higher and skinned hams steady to $1.00 lower at Washington. At Philadelphia spareribs closed $1.00-2.00 lower. At New York Boston butts, spareribs and skinned hams sold steady. Outlet was good for kosher steer beef, veal and calf but poor for spring lamb. Prices for kosher steer forequarters closed strong to $1.00 higher, veal and calf steady to $2.00 up, spring lamb weak.

CHICAGO - Supplies of beef, spring lamb and fresh pork were normal with veal receipts moderate. Largest portion of beef on offer was Good and Choice, most pork loins weighed 8-12# and 40-55# carcasses comprised bulk of the spring lamb. Arm and squarecut beef chuck prices advanced under a good demand. Other primal beef cuts were steady to weak, although in most quarters movement was fairly active, except slow on the close. Carcass beef trade was rather limited as primal cuts accounted for bulk of the sales. Good to Prime veal met a moderate demand. Trading for lamb was moderately active. Buyers concentrated primarily on foreend cuts, particularly stews and shoulders. Boston butts and spareribs were active on early rounds but slow from midweek on. Trading for pork loins was dull on each session. Steer and heifer beef and veal closed steady; spring lamb steady to $1.00 higher; pork loins mostly $1.00 lower, Boston butts and spareribs $1.00-2.00 lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef supplies were fairly liberal but the movement was sufficient to keep coolers relatively clear. Cow beef was in moderate supply, but adequate for the current demand. Calf and veal supplies were generally adequate, but calf under 200# was limited in the Los Angeles area. Choice and Prime spring lamb under 55# was fairly liberal and the demand fair, however, heavier weights of these grades and Good all weights were in narrow demand. Trading was active on pork loins, but only moderate on other fresh pork cuts. Sliced bacon moved best of the smoked pork products. Steer beef sold mostly steady with instances $1.00 lower on 600-700# carcasses; cow beef steady except $1.00-2.00 lower at San Francisco; calf and veal $1.00-2.00 lower at California points, but steady in Pacific northwest; lamb uneven, steady to $1.00 lower in California, but $1.00 higher in the Pacific northwest. Fresh pork closed mostly steady, instances $1.00 lower on spareribs and fresh hams and $1.00 higher on loins at Los Angeles; sliced bacon strong to $2.00 higher with other smoked pork and lard steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Beef prices advanced under moderate demand despite slightly above normal supplies. Lamb and pork products sold lower with supplies normal. Good clearance prevailed on beef but was only fair on lamb and pork. Choice steer and heifer beef closed steady to 50¢ higher. Good steer beef was 50¢-$1.00 higher. Cow beef closed fully 50¢ higher. Pork loins were steady to $1.00 lower, fresh hams 50¢-$2.00 lower, mostly 50¢-$1.00 off and Boston butts 50¢-$1.00 lower. Hog sides were 75¢-$1.15 lower.

At the week's close Choice 600-700# steer beef brought $39.50-40.00, few carlots in the eastern section $40.50-40.75, 700-800# mostly $39.50-40.00; Good 600-800# $37.50-39.00, few cars $39.50-39.75. Choice 500-700# heifer beef sold from $39.00-40.00. Utility cow beef cashed at $26.50-28.00. Choice and Prime spring lamb 35-55# brought $39.25-39.75, few loads $40.00-40.50. Pork loins 8-12# sold from $41.00-43.00, fresh hams 12-14# $39.00-40.00, 14-16# $38.50-40.00, butts 4-8# mostly $33.00-34.00. Hog sides U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# $24.67-26.00, 155-175# $24.50-25.60.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. Trading for beef generally active at most points and prices advanced under a good demand. Trading for spring lamb moderately active, except dull at New York and pork loins moved slow at all points. Steer and heifer beef closed steady to 50¢ higher, cow beef steady to $1.00 higher; spring lamb steady to 50¢ lower, except steady to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia. Pork loins steady to $1.00 higher, the advance at Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959	Aug. 13 1960	Aug. 15 1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.75	49.00	--	--	--	--	1/	--
Choice	600-700	44.00	46.00	43.25	44.00	43.44	44.85		45.25
	700-800	43.50	45.25	41.50	42.75	41.50	43.50		43.43
Good	500-600	42.50	43.50	40.75	42.38	41.50	44.50		43.50
	600-700	42.50	43.50	40.75	42.38	40.50	43.00		42.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	42.00	--	42.00	--		--
	600-700	--	--	42.00	--	40.50	--		--
Good	500-600	--	--	39.50	--	--	--		--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	53.00	61.00	51.00	55.38	--	--		--
Choice	90-120	48.00	51.00	46.00	50.38	--	--		--
Good	90-120	43.00	47.50	44.00	48.31	51.00	55.00		--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	44.50	50.30	43.50	--	40.00	--		46.00
Choice	45-55	44.00	48.90	43.50	47.00	40.00	43.00		46.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	48.40	44.20	45.75	42.40	56.00	48.00		44.25
Butts	4-8	39.50	35.00	36.81	30.50	46.00	38.00		34.12
Spareribs	3# down	47.00	43.40	43.00	40.00	53.00	49.50		43.75
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.00	43.50	50.25	46.50	50.00	48.00		45.88
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		50.50	41.00	56.75	46.50	61.00	48.50		--
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.25	30.50	35.00	33.50	34.00	32.00		32.50
Lard, 1# carton		15.95	12.25	15.25	12.50	17.00	14.50		13.75

1/ Not available.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED AUGUST 12, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	40.50-41.00	39.50-41.50	39.75	42.25-42.50	42.25-42.50
	700-800	40.00-40.50	39.00-39.50	39.25-39.75	42.00-42.50	42.00-42.50
	800-900	39.50-40.00	38.00-39.00	38.75	41.00-41.50	41.00-41.50
Good	500-600	39.00-39.50	--	--	41.00-41.50	40.50-41.50
	600-700	39.00-39.50	35.50-39.00	38.25-38.75	40.50-41.25	40.00-41.00
	700-800	38.50-39.00	35.50-38.50	37.25-38.25	40.50-41.25	--
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	39.75-40.00	41.00	39.00-39.25	--	--
	600-700	39.75-40.00	38.75-39.00	39.00-39.25	--	41.50-42.00
Good	500-600	37.50-38.00	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.25	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.00	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		27.00-28.50	27.00-27.50	26.50-27.50	--	28.50-29.00
Canner and Cutter		28.00-29.00	--	27.00-28.00	--	28.50-29.50
Spring lamb -						
Prime	30-45#	40.00-41.00	39.00-39.50	39.75	42.50-44.00	42.50-43.50
	45-55	40.00-41.00	39.00-39.50	39.75	42.00-43.50	42.50-43.50
	55-65	39.50-40.00	--	--	41.50-42.00	41.50-42.50
Choice	30-45	40.00 41.00	39.00-39.50	39.75	42.50-44.00	42.50-43.50
	45-55	40.00-41.00	39.00-39.50	39.75	42.00-43.50	42.50-43.50
	55-65	39.50-40.00	--	--	41.50-42.00	41.50-42.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	43.00-43.50	--	42.00-42.50	--	45.00-45.50

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE 1/- SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO

CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1955 ...	26.98	26.17	25.80	24.62	23.09	22.63	22.72	22.43	22.69	22.01	20.83	20.35	23.16
1956 ...	20.02	18.88	19.41	20.56	20.70	21.05	22.37	25.81	27.27	26.08	24.30	21.99	22.30
1957 ...	21.23	20.57	21.86	22.99	23.31	23.48	25.12	25.63	24.98	24.67	25.20	25.98	23.83
1958 ...	26.82	27.54	29.90	29.37	28.83	28.07	26.99	26.11	26.70	26.67	26.77	27.19	27.42
1959 ...	28.13	27.85	29.11	30.33	29.34	28.48	27.89	27.56	27.62	27.19	26.53	25.57	27.83
1960 ...	26.42	26.69	28.08	27.76	27.43	26.04	25.64						

ALL GRADES

1955 ...	26.12	24.46	24.12	23.36	22.18	22.15	22.52	22.33	22.67	21.95	20.84	20.30	22.59
1956 ...	20.01	18.85	18.89	19.87	20.12	20.79	22.28	25.61	27.31	26.00	23.97	21.65	22.00
1957 ...	20.94	20.28	21.36	22.61	22.85	23.07	24.76	25.45	24.84	24.48	25.06	25.74	23.48
1958 ...	26.31	26.65	28.28	28.59	28.27	27.67	26.75	25.91	26.65	26.70	26.79	27.01	27.09
1959 ...	27.81	27.44	28.22	29.32	28.82	28.15	27.61	27.36	27.48	27.06	26.31	25.26	27.53
1960 ...	26.10	26.37	27.40	27.13	26.75	25.58	25.30						

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO

CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1955 ...	1,132	1,148	1,138	1,138	1,139	1,138	1,143	1,129	1,125	1,134	1,121	1,130	1,134
1956 ...	1,164	1,187	1,189	1,192	1,174	1,163	1,143	1,116	1,099	1,113	1,136	1,153	1,152
1957 ...	1,176	1,199	1,196	1,178	1,180	1,181	1,154	1,140	1,141	1,142	1,138	1,138	1,162
1958 ...	1,157	1,165	1,172	1,157	1,156	1,166	1,165	1,164	1,156	1,165	1,174	1,192	1,166
1959 ...	1,209	1,209	1,211	1,199	1,201	1,195	1,196	1,187	1,180	1,160	1,159	1,165	1,187
1960 ...	1,191	1,196	1,208	1,186	1,188	1,180	1,186						

ALL GRADES

1955 ...	1,095	1,092	1,081	1,089	1,093	1,111	1,121	1,122	1,126	1,135	1,132	1,145	1,114
1956 ...	1,154	1,166	1,151	1,141	1,125	1,134	1,125	1,109	1,109	1,115	1,129	1,143	1,134
1957 ...	1,148	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,140	1,136	1,120	1,124	1,126	1,131	1,138	1,141	1,137
1958 ...	1,141	1,129	1,114	1,118	1,119	1,132	1,138	1,143	1,145	1,161	1,175	1,190	1,144
1959 ...	1,194	1,187	1,168	1,149	1,162	1,165	1,166	1,163	1,158	1,151	1,152	1,158	1,164
1960 ...	1,176	1,174	1,169	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,158						

MONTHLY AVERAGE COST 1/ -- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1955 ...	16.82	16.25	16.09	16.96	17.21	19.60	17.76	16.40	16.28	14.40	12.12	10.67	15.19
1956 ...	11.70	12.41	13.20	15.01	16.31	16.68	16.47	16.87	16.29	15.64	14.90	16.69	14.82
1957 ...	17.89	17.16	17.25	17.95	18.24	19.65	20.79	21.27	19.34	17.20	17.01	18.45	18.29
1958 ...	19.26	20.16	21.20	20.64	22.03	22.97	23.12	21.33	20.42	18.88	18.13	17.86	20.25
1959 ...	16.63	15.63	15.89	16.09	16.09	15.91	14.40	14.65	13.81	13.11	12.61	11.86	14.64
1960 ...	12.65	13.56	15.55	15.96	16.03	16.88	17.74						

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1955 ...	241	236	235	233	230	225	215	209	210	216	224	228	226
1956 ...	231	227	224	223	223	221	217	211	214	217	223	227	222
1957 ...	232	229	230	230	230	226	215	208	210	218	225	229	224
1958 ...	232	228	229	233	234	229	219	214	218	224	230	233	227
1959 ...	238	232	229	232	231	229	221	216	218	224	228	230	228
1960 ...	232	228	229	232	234	232	228						

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Eight markets include Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis National Stock Yards, Sioux City, South St. Joseph, and South St. Paul.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JULY 31, 1960

Warehouse stocks of red meats totaled 532 million pounds on August 1, a decline of 59 million pounds from a month earlier. This time last year, red meats totaled 513 million pounds while the average is 452 million. Beef stocks increased 243,000 pounds during July compared with a reduction of 3 million a year earlier and average. Accumulated holdings of 146 million pounds on August 1 were 12 percent below stocks reported on August 1, 1959, but were 18 percent above average. Reductions in pork stocks during July were 5 million less than a year earlier and 8 million under average. The 60 million pound reduction left 291 million in storage on August 1. These stocks were 17 percent above those held on August 1, 1959 and 18 percent above the 1955-59 average. All frozen pork items were reduced during July. August 1 stocks of frozen picnics at 16 million pounds compare with 6 million a year earlier; frozen hams at 70 million compare with 30 million; and frozen bellies at 74 million compare with 66 million.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JULY 31, 1960 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	July 1955-59 av.	July 1959	June 1960	July 1960
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen	113,082	152,261	135,599	135,917
In cure and cured	10,141	12,437	9,746	9,671
Total	123,223	164,698	145,345	145,588
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	6,095	17,446	15,943
Hams	1/	30,366	72,159	70,337
Bellies	1/	65,720	113,278	74,312
Other frozen pork cuts	1/	95,886	103,668	89,810
Total	182,280	198,067	306,551	250,402
Pork in cure or cured:				
Dry salt bellies	1/	11,378	10,602	7,135
Other dry salt pork	1/	6,812	7,051	5,949
Other pork cuts	1/	32,095	26,923	27,687
Total	63,839	50,285	44,576	40,771
Total pork	246,119	248,352	351,127	291,173
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen	9,668	8,450	7,733	7,590
Lamb and mutton, frozen	10,151	17,374	11,654	13,057
Canned meats in cooler	62,541	73,649	74,980	74,097
Total all meats	451,702	512,523	590,839	94,744
Lard, rendered and refined 2/	117,714	135,600	136,400	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 3/ -				
Pork	7,306	1,787	2,094	2,726
Beef	4,525	2,630	1,909	2,166

1/ Not reported separately prior to 1957. 2/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 3/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U.S.D.A., the Armed Services and other Government agencies 4/ Not available.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	Aug.13, 1960	20.90	19.40	19.02	--	20.25	19.06	17.88
	Aug.15, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Aug.13, 1960	19.75	18.62	17.80	17.35	19.18	18.31	16.81
	Aug.15, 1959	24.00	22.25	22.20	20.95	22.85	21.40	20.25
Good	Aug.13, 1960	17.75	17.38	16.35	16.85	17.68	17.02	15.75
	Aug.15, 1959	22.45	20.90	20.65	20.20	21.50	20.25	19.50
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Aug.13, 1960	4.00	3.65	4.00	--	4.62	3.00	3.75
	Aug.15, 1959	4.50	5.50	4.75	--	--	4.50	4.00
Cull and Utility	Aug.13, 1960	3.95	3.90	3.00	4.92	3.50	2.75	2.50
	Aug.15, 1959	4.00	4.38	3.75	4.50	3.95	2.75	3.00
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Aug.13, 1960	--	17.25	--	12.30	16.05	16.12	14.44
	Aug.15, 1959	--	19.50	--	17.05	18.60	18.36	15.00